

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently amended) A ~~storage-medium~~ memory card comprising:
a storage portion including a secret area which is capable of being accessed only by a specific secret procedure and a public area which is capable of being accessed by an ordinary procedure, the public area including a rewritable public area and a specified storage-area read-only public area on which revocation information is registered, the revocation information being used to determine whether or not use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by an electronic device is to be revoked; and
a controller which determines whether or not use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by an electronic device which attempts to access ~~to the storage-medium~~ memory card is to be revoked, based on the revocation information registered on the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area of the memory card and information sent from the electronic device, wherein the controller sends a key needed for a content exchange to the electronic device when the controller does not determine that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device is to be revoked, and wherein a content which is encrypted using the key is written on ~~a predetermined storage-area of the storage-medium~~ the rewritable public area of the memory card by the electronic device.

2. (Currently amended) A ~~storage-medium~~ memory card comprising:
a storage portion including a secret area which is capable of being accessed only by a specific secret procedure and a public area which is capable of being accessed by

~~an ordinary procedure, the public area including a rewritable public area and a specified storage-area~~ read-only public area on which revocation information is registered, the revocation information being used to determine whether or not use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by an electronic device is to be revoked; and

a controller which determines whether or not use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by an electronic device which attempts to access ~~to the storage-medium~~ memory card is to be revoked, based on the revocation information registered on the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area of the memory card and information sent from the electronic device, wherein the controller sends a key needed for a content exchange to the electronic device when the controller does not determine that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device is to be revoked, and wherein a content which is encrypted using the key is read out from ~~a predetermined storage-area of the storage-medium~~ the rewritable public area of the memory card by the electronic device.

3. (Currently amended) The ~~storage-medium~~ memory card according to claim 1, wherein when the controller determines that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

4. (Canceled)

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The ~~storage-medium~~ memory card according to claim 1, wherein the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A contents protection method applied to a memory card having a storage portion including a secret area which is capable of being accessed only by a specific secret procedure and a public area which is capable of being accessed by an ordinary procedure, the method comprising the steps of:

~~providing a specified storage area on storage-medium and~~ registering revocation information on the ~~specified storage-area~~ a read-only public area in the public area of the memory card, the revocation information being used to determine whether or not use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by an electronic device is to be revoked;

determining, by a controller provided in the memory card, whether or not use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by an electronic device which attempts to access to the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card is to be revoked, based on the revocation information registered on the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area and information sent from the electronic device;

sending a key needed for a content exchange from the controller provided in the memory card to the electronic device when it is not determined that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device is to be revoked; and

writing a content which is encrypted using the key on a ~~predetermined storage area of the storage medium~~ a rewritable public area in the public area of the memory card by the electronic device.

9. (Currently amended) A contents protection method applied to a memory card having a storage portion including a secret area which is capable of being accessed only by a specific secret procedure and a public area which is capable of being accessed by an ordinary procedure, the method comprising the steps of:

~~providing a specified storage area on storage medium and~~ registering revocation information on the ~~specified storage area~~ a read-only public area in the public area of the memory card, the revocation information being used to determine whether or not use of the ~~storage medium~~ memory card by an electronic device is to be revoked;

determining, by a controller provided in the memory card, whether or not use of the ~~storage medium~~ memory card by an electronic device which attempts to access to the ~~storage medium~~ memory card is to be revoked, based on the revocation information registered on the ~~specified storage area~~ read-only public area and information sent from the electronic device;

sending a key needed for a content exchange from the controller provided in the memory card to the electronic device when it is not determined that use of the ~~storage medium~~ memory card by the electronic device is to be revoked; and

reading out a content which is encrypted using the key from a ~~predetermined storage area of the storage medium~~ a rewritable public area in the public area of the memory card by the electronic device.

10. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 8, wherein when it is determined in the determining step that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

11. (Canceled)

12. (Canceled)

13. (Original) The method according to claim 8, wherein the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently amended) The ~~storage-medium~~ memory card according to claim 2, wherein when the controller determines that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

16. (Currently amended) The ~~storage-medium~~ memory card according to claim 2, wherein the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

17. (Canceled)

18. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein when it is determined in the determining step that use of the ~~storage-medium~~ memory card by the electronic device should be revoked, a subsequent process is halted.

19. (Currently amended) The method according to claim 9, wherein the ~~specified storage-area~~ read-only public area is a storage area provided on a read-only non-volatile memory.

20. (Canceled)